

## VPDES PERMIT FACT SHEET

This document gives pertinent information concerning the **reissuance** of the VPDES permit listed below. This permit is being processed as a **Minor, Municipal** permit. The effluent limitations contained in this permit will maintain the Water Quality Standards of 9 VAC 25-260-00 et.seq. The discharge results from the operation of a 0.108 MGD secondary WWTP consisting of: Two raw wastewater pump stations, Imhoff tank, two-stage rotating biological contactor unit, dual secondary clarifiers, gas chlorinator, dual baffled chlorine contact basins, dual sulfonators for dechlorination, fine bubble diffusers for post aeration, Parshall flume and ultrasonic flow meter, and 8 covered sand drying beds.

The sludge treatment scheme consists of: anaerobic digestion in Imhoff tank, and pumping digested sludge to sand drying beds. Final sludge disposal is discussed in item 10. below.

This permit action consists of limiting pH, BOD<sub>5</sub>, suspended solids, total residual chlorine, E.coli, and dissolved oxygen; and including special conditions requiring control of significant dischargers, sludge management, and other requirements and special conditions.

SIC Code: 4952

1. Facility Name and Location:  
**Falls Mills - Hales Bottom Sewage Treatment Plant**  
Intersection of Routes 102 and 643  
Falls Mills, VA 24613
2. **Permit No. VA0062561**  
Existing Permit Effective Date: August 25, 2007  
Existing Permit Expiration Date: August 24, 2012
3. Owner Name and Address: **Tazewell County Public Service Authority**  
P.O. Box 190  
N. Tazewell, VA 24630  
  
Owner Contact:  
Name: Dahmon Ball  
Telephone No.: 276-988-2243  
Title: Administrator  
  
Facility Contact:  
Name: Eddie Rhudy  
Title: Chief Operator  
Telephone No: 276-326-3788
4. Application Complete Date: April 2, 2012  
Permit Drafted By: Fred M. Wyatt Date: April 2, 2012  
Southwest Regional Office  
Reviewed By: Steve E. Antip Date: 4/24/2012  
Public Comment Period Dates: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
5. Receiving Stream Name: Bluestone River; River Mile: 9-BST066.41 Basin:  
New River; Subbasin: None; Section: 1g; Class: IV; Special Standards: u

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1-Day, 10-Year Low Flow (1Q10): 4.62 MGD (June - Nov.)  
1Q10 High Flow: 6.25 MGD (Dec. - May)  
7-Day, 10-Year Low Flow (7Q10): 6.32 MGD (June - Nov.)  
7Q10 High Flow: 10.54 MGD (Dec. - May)  
30-Day, 10-Year Low Flow (30Q5): 13.80 MGD  
30Q10 High Flow: 23.84 MGD  
Harmonic Mean Flow (HM): 23.53 MGD

Tidal? No

On 303(d) list? Yes (See Item # 13 below)

6. Operator License Requirements: Class III
7. Reliability Class: II
8. Permit Characterization:  
( ) Private ( ) Federal ( ) State (X) POTW ( ) PVOTW  
( ) Possible Interstate Effect ( ) Interim Limits in Other Document
9. Attach a schematic of wastewater treatment system, and provide a general description of the activities of the facility.

## Discharge Description

OUTFALL NUMBER	DISCHARGE SOURCE (1)	TREATMENT (2)	FLOW (3)
001	Falls Mills - Hales Bottom Area of Tazewell Co.	See Page 1 above, first paragraph	0.108 MGD

(1) List operations contributing to flow (2) List treatment units  
(3) Design flow

10. Sewage Sludge Use or Disposal: The sludge disposal plan consists of transporting the sludge to the Tazewell County Landfill.
11. Discharge Location Description: See attached Bramwell West Va. - Va. Quadrangle; Number: 115D
12. Material Storage: None reported
13. Ambient Water Quality Information: The 2010 303(d) Report lists mainstream Bluestone River as impaired, from the Route 460 bridge downstream to the West Virginia political boundary and includes Big Branch from the headwaters downstream to the confluence with the Bluestone River. The segment is not supporting the use goals of recreation, aquatic life, and fish consumption. The impairment causes are listed as bacterial (total E.coli and fecal coliform); benthic-macroinvertebrate impairment (from sedimentation and siltation and chlordanes in sediment); PCBs in sediment, PCBs and chlordanes in fish

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tissue, and PCBs in water column. The 303(d) Report attributes raw sewage discharges in rural residential areas as the source of the E.coli and fecal coliform violations. The report attributes the benthic-macroinvertebrate impairment (from sedimentation and siltation) to crop production, silviculture activities, and unrestricted cattle access. The Report attributes the PCBs impairments to illegal dumps or other inappropriate waste disposal, with the actual sources unknown. The source of the chlordane impairment is unknown. See the 2010 Fact Sheets in ATTACHMENT 4 for details for these impairments.

A TMDL study was completed for bacteria and sediment in the Bluestone River and was approved by the SWCB on 09/07/2004 and by EPA on 09/20/2004. On 07/16/2006, EPA approved the modification of the TMDL to accommodate an increase in suspended solids loadings resulting from the Bluefield Westside WWTP expansion that would result in an insignificant increase in the total allocated sediment loads in the TMDL for Bluestone River of approximately 0.6%. The modification was approved by SWCB on 09/07/2006.

14. Antidegradation Review & Comments: Tier I (X) Tier II ( ) Tier III ( )

The State Water Control Board's Water Quality Standards includes an antidegradation policy (9 VAC 25-260-30). All state surface waters are provided one of three levels of antidegradation protection. For Tier 1 or existing use protection, existing uses of the water body and the water quality to protect these uses must be maintained. Tier 2 water bodies have water quality that is better than the water quality standards. Significant lowering of the water quality of Tier 2 waters is not allowed without an evaluation of the economic and social impacts. Tier 3 water bodies are exceptional waters and are so designated by regulatory amendment. The antidegradation policy prohibits new or expanded discharges into exceptional waters.

The antidegradation review begins with a Tier determination. The receiving stream is Tier I, due to the benthic - macroinvertebrate impairment from sediment and chlordane and from PCBs in the water column.

15. Site Inspection: Technical inspection was conducted on 12/09/2010 by Wade Carico, DEQ-SWRO.

16. Effluent Screening & Limitation Development:

The VPDES Permit was originally issued on August 24, 1982 with secondary treatment (30 mg/l) effluent limitations for BOD<sub>5</sub>. The facility was being constructed with funds from EPA, which was only funding secondary treatment. The permit was reissued on August 24, 1987 with limits of 13.5 mg/l for BOD<sub>5</sub> in order to comply with the New River Basin Plan (303e) for the area. Original calculations indicated that no ammonia nitrogen effluent limits were needed. Ammonia nitrogen has been re-evaluated during this reissuance, and no limits are needed.

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Basis for Effluent Limitations: 0.108 MGD Design Flow

PARAMETER	BASIS FOR LIMITS	DISCHARGE LIMITS				MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
		MONTHLY AVERAGE	WEEKLY AVERAGE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
Flow	NA	NL	NA	NA	NL	Continuous	Totalizing, Indicating & Recording
pH	2	NA	NA	6.0 SU	9.0 SU	1/Day	Grab
BOD <sub>5</sub>	1,4	14 mg/l 5.5 kg/d	20 mg/l 8.3 kg/d	NA	NA	3 Days/Week	8 Hour Comp.
Total Suspended Solids	1	30 mg/l 12 kg/d	45 mg/l 18 kg/d	NA	NA	1 Day/Week	8 Hour Comp.
Total Residual Chlorine**	2,5	0.24 mg/l	0.29 mg/l	NA	NA	3/Day @ 4 Hr. Intervals	Grab
E.coli (n/100 ml)	2	126 Geometric Mean	NA	NA	NA	1/Week Between 10:00 am & 4:00 pm	Grab
Dissolved Oxygen	2,5	NA	NA	6.0	NA	1/Day	Grab

- \*1. Federal Effluent guidelines
- 2. Water Quality-based Limits
- 3. Best Engineering Judgment
- 4. Best Professional Judgment
- 5. Other (e.g. wasteload allocation model)

## Additional TRC Limitations and Monitoring Requirements:

- The permittee shall monitor the Total Residual Chlorine (TRC) at the outlet of each operating chlorine contact tank, 3/day at 4 hour intervals, by grab sample.
- No more than nine (9) of all samples for TRC taken at the outlet of each chlorine contact tank shall be less than 1.0mg/l for any one calendar month.
- No TRC sample collected at each outlet of the chlorine contact tank shall be less than 0.6 mg/l.
- If dechlorination facilities exist, the samples above shall be collected prior to dechlorination.
- If chlorine disinfection is not used, E.coli shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below and this requirement, if applicable, shall substitute for the TRC and E.coli requirement delineated elsewhere in Part I of this permit:

	Discharge Limitations		Monitoring Frequency	Requirements Sample Type
	Monthly Avg.	Weekly Avg.		
E.coli (N/100ml)	126*	NA	3 Days/Week**	Grab

\* Geometric Mean

\*\* Between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

- Basis for Sludge Use & Disposal Requirements: The VPDES Permit Regulation (9 VAC 25-31-10 et seq.), adopted by the State Water Control Board May 22, 1996, became effective on July 24, 1996. Among other program changes, Part VI of the newly adopted regulation incorporated technical standards for the use or disposal of sewage sludge.

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18. Antibacksliding Statement: Since no effluent limitations are being relaxed in this reissuance, the antibacksliding provisions of the Permit Regulation (9 VAC 25-31-220.1) do not apply.
19. Compliance Schedule: NA
20. Special Conditions:

**PART I.B. Additional TRC Limitations and Monitoring Requirements**

**Rationale:** Required by Sewage Collection and Treatment Regulations, 9VAC 25-790. Also, 40 CFR 122.41(e) requires the permittee, at all times, to properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment in order to comply with the permit. This ensures proper operation of chlorination equipment to maintain adequate disinfection.

**PART I.C. Compliance Reporting**

**Rationale:** Authorized by VPDES Permit Regulation, 9VAC25-31-190 J 4 and 220 I. This condition is necessary when pollutants are monitored by the permittee and a maximum level of quantification and/or a specific analytical method is required in order to assess compliance with a permit limit or to compare effluent quality with a numeric criterion. The condition also establishes protocols for calculation of reported values.

**PART I.D. Special Condition - Control of Significant Dischargers**

**Rationale:** VPDES Permit Regulation, 9VAC25-31-730 through 900, and 40 CFR part 403 require certain existing and new sources of pollution to meet specified regulations.

**PART I.E. Other requirements and Special Conditions**

**1. 95% Capacity Reopener**

**Rationale:** Required by VPDES Permit Regulation, 9VAC25-31-200 B 4 for all POTW and PVOTW permits

**2. Indirect Dischargers**

**Rationale:** Required by VPDES Permit Regulation, 9VAC25-31-200 B 1 and B 2 for POTWs and PVOTWs that receive waste from someone other than the owner of the treatment works.

**3. CTC, CTO Requirement**

**Rationale:** Required by the Code of Virginia § 62.1-44.19: Sewage Collection and Treatment Regulations, 9VAC 25-790; VPDES Permit Regulation, 9VAC25-31-190E.

**4. Operation and Maintenance Manual Requirement**

**Rationale:** Required by the Code of Virginia § 62.1-44.19: Sewage Collection and Treatment Regulations, 9VAC25-790; VPDES Permit Regulation, 9VAC25-31-190 E.

**5. Licensed Operator Requirement**

**Rationale:** The VPDES Permit Regulation, 9VAC25-31-200 C and the Code of Virginia § 54.1-2300 et seq, Rules and Regulations for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators (18VAC160-20-10 et seq.), require licensure of operators.

**6. Reliability Class**

**Rationale:** Required by the Sewage Collection and Treatment Regulations, 9 VAC25-790 for all municipal facilities.

**7. Treatment Works Closure Plan**

**Rationale:** State Water Control Law § 62.1-44.19. This condition is used to notify the owner of the need for a closure plan where a treatment works is being replaced or is expected to close.

**8. Section 303(d) List (TMDL) Reopener**

**Rationale:** Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) be developed for streams listed as impaired. This special condition is to allow the permit to be reopened if necessary to bring it in compliance with any applicable TMDL approved for the receiving stream. The reopener recognizes that, according to Section 402(o)(1) of the Clean Water Act, limits and/or conditions may be either more or less stringent than those contained in the permit. Specifically, they can be relaxed if they are the result of a TMDL, basin plan, or other wasteload allocation prepared under Section 303 of the Act.

**9. Sludge Reopener**

**Rationale:** Required by VPDES Permit Regulation, 9VAC25-31-220 C for all permits issued to treatment works treating domestic sewage.

**10. Sludge Use and Disposal**

**Rationale:** VPDES Permit Regulation, 9VAC25-31-100 P; 220 B.2.; and 420 through 720, and 40 CFR Part 503 require all treatment works treating domestic sewage to submit information on sludge use and disposal practices and to meet specified standards for sludge use and disposal.

**11. Water Quality Criteria Monitoring**

**Rationale:** State Water Control Law §62.1-44.21 authorizes the Board to request information needed to determine the discharge's impact on State waters. States are required to review data on discharges to identify actual or potential toxicity problems, or the attainment of water quality goals, according to 40 CFR Part 131, Water Quality Standards, subpart 131.11. To ensure that water quality criteria are maintained, the permittee is required to analyze the facility's effluent for the substances noted in Attachment A of this VPDES permit.

**12. Reduced Monitoring**

**Rationale:** EPA published "Interim Guidance for Performance -Based Reduction of NPDES Permit Monitoring Frequencies" (EPA 833-B-96-001) in April, 1996. Permittees are granted a reduction in monitoring frequency based on a history of permit compliance.

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**PART II, Conditions Applicable to All Permits**

**Rationale:** VPDES Permit Regulation, 9 VAC 25-31-190 requires all VPDES permits to contain or specifically cite the conditions listed.

21. Changes from the previous permit contained in the reissuance permit:

Outfall No.	Parameter Changed	Monitoring Requirement Changed		Effluent Limits Changed		Reason for Change	Date
		From	To	From	To		
001	TSS	3 Days/Week	1 Day/Week			EPA's Interim Guidance for Reduced Monitoring	08/25/2012
001	Total Residual Chlorine	1/Day	3/Day @ 4 Hr. Intervals			Current Permit Manual	08/25/2012
Special Condition Changes: See paragraph below							

This permit was drafted using guidance provided in the January, 2010 permit manual, which is revised on a continuous basis, resulting in minor changes to permit requirements and conditions and the standard Part II boilerplate.

Water quality criteria monitoring is being required in the reissuance permit, since it was not required in the previous permit.

E.coli monitoring of the effluent is being added, in accordance with EPA guidance, since the receiving stream has an approved bacterial TMDL.

Using discharge monitoring report (DMR) data, five year composite averages for BOD<sub>5</sub> and for total suspended solids (TSS) concentrations were calculated. For the existing 3/Week baseline monitoring in the VPDES Permit, this facility does not qualify for reduced monitoring for BOD<sub>5</sub> according to the DEQ & interim EPA guidance. For existing 3/Week baseline monitoring in the VPDES Permit, this facility *does* qualify for reduced monitoring for TSS according to guidance.

22. Variances/Alternate Limits or Conditions: None
23. Regulation of Users: 9 VAC 25-31-280 B 9 - NA
24. Public Notice Information required by 9 VAC 25-31-280 B:

All pertinent information is on file and may be inspected, and copied by contacting Fred M. Wyatt, Department of Environmental Quality, Southwest Regional Office, 355-A Deadmore St., Abingdon, VA 24210. Telephone: (276) 676-4810 E-mail: [frederick.wyatt@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:frederick.wyatt@deq.virginia.gov).

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Persons may comment in writing or by email to the DEQ on the proposed permit action, and may request a public hearing, during the comment period. Comments shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester, and shall contain a complete, concise statement of the factual basis for comments. Only those comments received within this period will be considered. The DEQ may decide to hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit. Requests for public hearings shall state 1) the reason why a hearing is requested; 2) a brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit; and 3) specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. Following the comment period, the Board will make a determination regarding the proposed permit action. This determination will become effective, unless the DEQ grants a public hearing. Due notice of any public hearing will be given. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ Southwest Regional Office by appointment.

25. Additional Comments:

Previous Board Action: None

Staff Comments:

*Application Waivers:* For the reissuance application, Form 2A, Part A.12 and Part B6., the permittee has requested waivers for fecal coliform, ammonia, TKN, nitrate plus nitrite, oil and grease, total phosphorus, and total dissolved solids. Since these parameters have not been in the permit for this facility, a waiver is being granted.

*Permit History:* VPDES Permit No. VA0062561 for this facility was issued on August 24, 1982; was reissued on August 24, 1987, August 24, 1992, August 24, 1997, August 24, 2002, and August 25, 2007 and has an expiration date of August 24, 2012.

*Threatened or Endangered Species:* According to the attached printout from the Virginia Fish and Wildlife Information Service of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF), one state endangered species, the Tennessee Heelsplitter (*Lasmigona holstonia*), has been identified within a two mile radius of the discharge. Since this facility is on the list for T&E coordination by DGIF and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the necessary information is being sent to these agencies.

*Permit Fee:* An annual monitoring fee of \$2,514 is required, to be paid by October 1 of each year.



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26. TMDL: See Item No. 13 above.

PLANNING CONCURRENCE FOR MUNICIPAL VPDES PERMIT

PERMIT NO. VA0062561

FACILITY: Falls Mills-Hales Bottom STP

COUNTY: Tazewell

- ☐ 1. The discharge is in conformance with the existing planning documents for the area.
- ☐ 2. The discharge is not addressed in any planning document but will be included, if required, when the plan is updated.
- ☐ 3. Other

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Environmental Manager

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Date

## ATTACHMENT 1

### Treatment Facilities Description & Location

FACILITY DESCRIPTION SHEETDATE: 12/21/98Name of installation FALLS MILLSLocation OFF ROUTE 102, NEAR POCAHONTASCounty WISE

This facility consists of two raw wastewater pump stations, Imhoff tank, two-stage rotating biological contractor unit, dual secondary clarifiers, gas chlorination, dual sulfonators for dechlorination, dual baffled chlorine contact basins, fine bubble diffusers for aeration, parshall flume and ultrasonic flow meter, and eight covered sand drying beds.

Pump Stations:

No. 1 - Wastewater Flow, avg flow 31.94 gpm (0.46 MGD)  
Peak Flow, Q2.5: 79.80 gpm (0.115)  
Wet Well, Storage volume: 335.33 gal.

Pumps, Type: Hydromatic, constant - speed grinder pumps  
Capacity: 40 gpm (pumps 1 and 2) 80 gpm (pump 3)  
Operating time: 18.4 min.

No. 2 - Wastewater Flow: Ave. Flow, Qavg: 43.06 gpm  
(0.062 MGD) Peak Flow, Q2.5: 107.64 gpm (0.155MGD)  
Wet Well, Storage Volume: 485.32 gal.

Pumps Type: Hydromatic, Constant - speed, Grinder pumps.  
Capacity: 54gpm (pumps 1 and 2) 108 gpm (pump)  
Operating time: 19.6 min.

Primary Treatment:

Imhoff Tank: Detention time: 5.43 hrs. Gas vent area: 380 sf.  
Surface loading 479 gpd/sf (at peak flow)  
Weir loading 8,749 gpd/ft. Sludge storage volume  
122,422 gal (16,365)

Secondary Treatment:

RBC Type, Single shaft, two stage media. 48,000 sf  
in first stage, 72,000 sf in second stage.  
Sludge returned to headworks of plant.  
Power requirements: 150 cfm at 5 psi. hydraulic  
loading rate: 1.8gpd/sf.

Secondary  
Clarifiers:

Type, Two duplex full bridge, center feed,  
peripheral effluent, hopper bottom. Detention  
time: 10.5 hr. Surface setting rate: 132.8  
gpd/sf. Over rate: 755.5 gpd/ft. Side water  
depth: 7ft. Minimum length of travel: 9.96 ft.

Recirculation pumps, Simplex Submersible. No.  
of pumps: 2 (1 per clarifier). Capacity: 40 gpm  
against 27.8 TDH. Motor 3/4 HP, 3 phase, 60  
cycle, 1750 RPM.

Return sludge pumps, type, Duplex submersible,  
number of pumps: 2. Capacity: 23 gpm against  
23.0 THD. Motor 1/2 HP, 3 phase, 60 cycle  
1750 RPM.

## FACILITY DESCRIPTION SHEET (continued)

Disinfection:Chlorine contact  
tanks:

Number of tanks: 2. Detention time 37.3 min  
(at peak flow). 93.3 min (at ave flow).  
Dual chlorinators: Regal auto change over,  
150 lbs tanks.

Flow Measurement:

Parshall Flume:

Size 3", length 3'. Head capacity 24"  
(max flow rate 1300 gpm. Ultra Sonic open  
channel flow meter to continuously measure  
flow.

Sludge Treatment:

Drying Beds:

8 Beds, width 22' length 36'

Laboratory:

Parameters:

TSS, CL2, PH, DO, BOD5  
Length 32', width 18'. Appro. 40  
square feet counter space.

O & M Manual:

Approved by SWCB 18 September 1989.

Reliability:

Class 111

Continuous operability by standby  
generator. Audible alarm and light.

Staffing:

Chief operator required to be class 111.  
Two assistants - Class 111  
Staffed from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

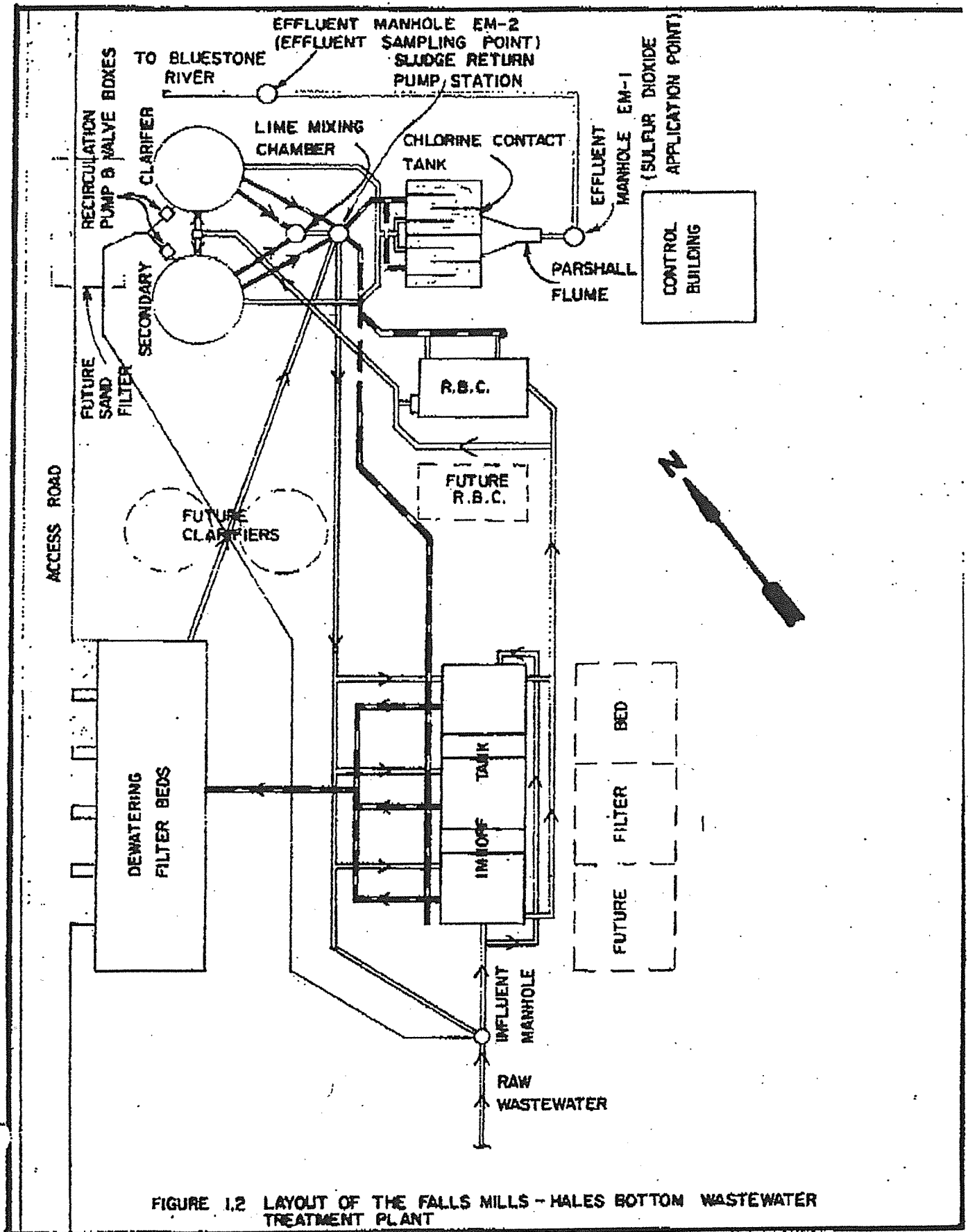
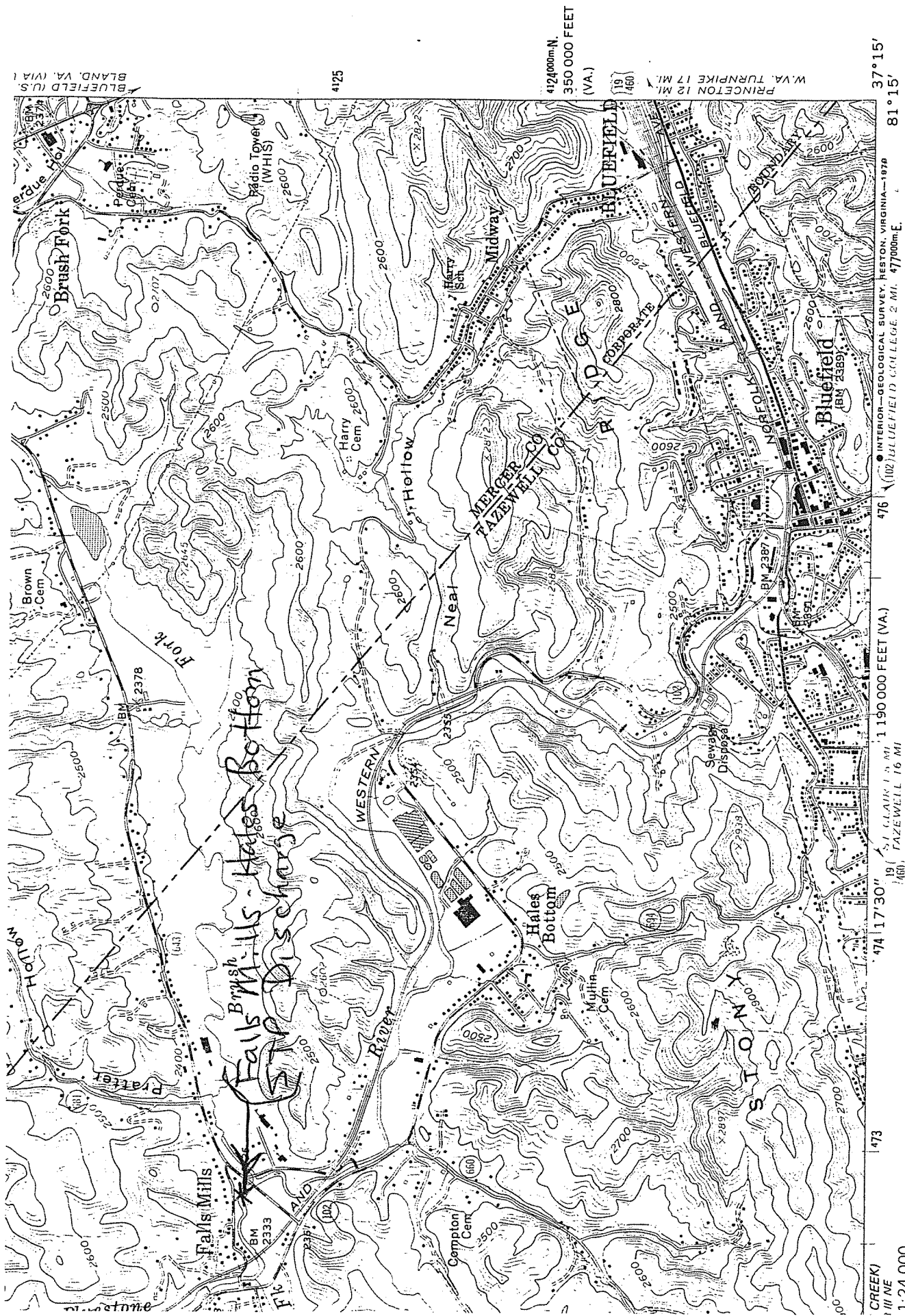


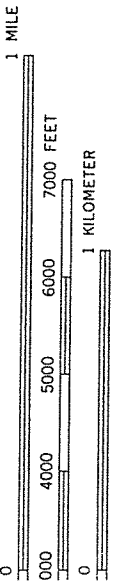
FIGURE 1.2 LAYOUT OF THE FALLS MILLS - HALES BOTTOM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT



(BASTIAN)  
4758 11 NW

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty.....	Light-duty.....
Medium-duty.....	Unimproved dirt .....
	State Route
	U. S. Route



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ATTACHMENT 2

Effluent Limits Calculations



## Reduced BOD<sub>5</sub> and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Monitoring for Falls Mills/Hales Bottom STP

### **BOD<sub>5</sub>:**

Long term average (LTA) concentration = 9.57 mg/l

$(LTA)/(Permit\ Limit) = 9.57/14 \times 100\% = 68.5\%$

For existing 3/Week baseline monitoring in VPDES Permit, this facility does not qualify for reduced monitoring for BOD<sub>5</sub> according to the DEQ & EPA guidance.

### **TSS:**

Long term average (LTA) concentration = 4.04 mg/l

$(LTA)/(Permit\ Limit) = 4.04/30 \times 100\% = 13.5\%$

For existing 3/Week baseline monitoring in VPDES Permit, this facility qualifies for reduced monitoring to 1/Week for TSS according to the DEQ & EPA guidance. according to the DEQ & EPA guidance.

BOD5			TSS		
Concentration	Maximum	Average	Concentration	Maximum	Average
7.9		10.4	10.9		1.6
8		10.1	10.7		2.2
8.7		10.1	10.5		3.7
8.1		10.3	11.2		3.5
7.7		10	10		4
7.6		10.6	10.8		5.1
7.6		9.4	10.2		5.7
7.7		9.97	9.7		3.8
7.7		9.6	10.6		3.3
7.5		10.2	10.7		4
7.8		9.8	10.2		3.1
8		9.4	9.8		2.5
7.9		9.8	10.1		2.2
8		10.1	10.7		2.3
7.9		9.9	10.4		2.9
7.9		9.9	10.1		2.8
7.9		8.2	9.5		5.2
8.1		9.6	10.1		5.7
7.9		9.5	9.8		6.9
8.1		9.3	9.5		4.3
8.5		9.6	10.1		8.4
8		9.5	9.6		5.3
8		9.7	10.3		4.6
7.9		9.6	10.2		3.5
7.8		9.6	10.1		2.7
7.8		9.6	10		3.4
7.5		9.2	9.7		4.1
7.8		8.7	9.5		4.8
8.1		8.8	9.2		7.1
8		9.1	9.4		4.7
8.2		9.1	9.6		5.2
8.2		9.5	9.8		5.1
8		9.6	10.6		4.1
7.8		9.4	9.4		4.7
7.7		9.7	10.1		2.4
7.6		9.9	10.5		2.5
7.9		9.6	10.4		2.3
7.7		9.4	10		2.6
7.6		9.5	9.8		3
7.6		9.5	10.3		4.6
7.6		9.9	10.1		5.3
7.7		9.5	10.2		5.1
7.7		8.5	9.1		7.7
7.7		9.8	10.1		3.9
8		9.4	10		3.9
8		9.1	9.5		3.5
8.2		9.6	10.3		3.3
8.2		9.5	9.6		1.4
8.2		9.7	10.3		2.9

8.1	9.2	9.6	4.9
8.2	9.8	9.9	2.9
8.1	9.2	9.5	4.9
8.1	9.2	9.9	4.8
8.7	9.569245283	11.2	4.045283019
Max	Avg	Max	Avg

## Bluestone River at Falls Mills STP

DA = 44.2 mi.<sup>2</sup> at Gage # 03177710

$$1Q10 = 5.7 \text{ cfs} = 3.68 \text{ MGD}$$

$$HF1Q10 = 7.7 \text{ cfs} = 4.98 \text{ MGD}$$

$$7Q10 = 7.8 \text{ cfs} = 5.04 \text{ MGD}$$

$$HF7Q10 = 13 \text{ cfs} = 8.40 \text{ MGD}$$

$$30Q10 = 11 \text{ cfs} = 7.11 \text{ MGD}$$

$$HF30Q10 = 19 \text{ cfs} = 12.3 \text{ MGD}$$

$$\text{Harmonic Mean} = 29 \text{ cfs} = 18.75 \text{ MGD}$$

DA = 55.46 mi.<sup>2</sup> at Discharge Point A

$$1Q10 = 3.68 \times 55.46/44.2 \text{ cfs} = 4.62 \text{ MGD}$$

$$HF1Q10 = 4.98 \times 55.46/44.2 \text{ cfs} = 6.25 \text{ MGD}$$

$$7Q10 = 5.04 \times 55.46/44.2 \text{ cfs} = 6.32 \text{ MGD}$$

$$HF7Q10 = 8.40 \times 55.46/44.2 \text{ cfs} = 10.54 \text{ MGD}$$

$$30Q10 = 7.11 \times 55.46/44.2 \text{ cfs} = 8.92 \text{ MGD}$$

$$HF30Q10 = 12.3 \times 55.46/44.2 \text{ cfs} = 15.43 \text{ MGD}$$

$$\text{Harmonic Mean} = 18.75 \times 55.46/44.2 \text{ cfs} = 23.53 \text{ MGD}$$

## Mixing Zone Predictions for

## Falls Mills - Hales Bottom WWTP

Effluent Flow = 0.108 MGD  
Stream 7Q10 = 6.32 MGD  
Stream 30Q10 = 13.8 MGD  
Stream 1Q10 = 4.62 MGD  
Stream slope = 0.0016 ft/ft  
Stream width = 20 ft  
Bottom scale = 3  
Channel scale = 1

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### Mixing Zone Predictions @ 7Q10

Depth = .9865 ft  
Length = 362.78 ft  
Velocity = .5043 ft/sec  
Residence Time = .0083 days

#### Recommendation:

A complete mix assumption is appropriate for this situation and the entire 7Q10 may be used.

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### Mixing Zone Predictions @ 30Q10

Depth = 1.6021 ft  
Length = 233.56 ft  
Velocity = .6719 ft/sec  
Residence Time = .004 days

#### Recommendation:

A complete mix assumption is appropriate for this situation and the entire 30Q10 may be used.

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### Mixing Zone Predictions @ 1Q10

Depth = .8148 ft  
Length = 430.19 ft  
Velocity = .4488 ft/sec  
Residence Time = .2663 hours

#### Recommendation:

A complete mix assumption is appropriate for this situation and the entire 1Q10 may be used.

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Date	WaterShed	Station	TempC	pH
11-Apr-12	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	8.4	8.1
6-Feb-12	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	7.1	7.5
19-Dec-11	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	5	8.1
5-Oct-11	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	13.2	8.5
4-Aug-11	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	23	8.3
15-Jun-11	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	18.1	8.6
2-May-11	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	14.1	8.4
14-Feb-11	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	6.1	8.6
3-Nov-10	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	9.2	8.3
13-Sep-10	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	17.5	8.1
13-Jul-10	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	18.9	7.8
11-May-10	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	12.9	7.9
11-Mar-10	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	8.7	7.1
28-Jan-10	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	6.3	7.3
16-Dec-08	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	8.5	8.3
23-Oct-08	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	10.6	8.2
25-Aug-08	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	22.1	8.6
3-Jun-08	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	17.1	7.6
14-Apr-08	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	9.2	8.4
11-Feb-08	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	2.9	8
5-Dec-07	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	3.8	8.2
11-Oct-07	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	14.2	7.9
16-Aug-07	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	23.9	7.9
27-Jun-07	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	23.6	8.1
26-Apr-07	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	15.3	7.7
13-Feb-07	VAS-N36R	9-BST066.80	4.2	7.9

# Calculation of Total Ammonia Nitrogen Limits

Facility Name: Falls Mills - Hales Bottom STP  
 VPDES Permit No: VA0062561  
 Stream Name: Bluestone River  
 Stream Tier Designation: I

NH<sub>3</sub>-N limits are derived from the ammonia tables or formulas in the Water Quality Standards. Human Health standards are not applicable for ammonia.

The following stream parameter values are being used for the calculations. The dry season is June - December and the wet season is January - May.

Dry Season pH = 8.5  
 Wet Season pH = 8.5

Dry Season Temperature (deg.C) = 22  
 Wet Season Temperature (deg.C) = 19

The ammonia nitrogen water quality standards (WQS) are:

Acute: AC<sub>dry</sub> = 3.2

AC<sub>wet</sub> = 3.2

Chronic: CC<sub>dry</sub> = 0.672

CC<sub>wet</sub> = 1.09

The following flows apply:

Q<sub>e</sub> = Design Flow of STP (MGD) = 0.108  
 Q<sub>s-1</sub> = 1Q10 Flow (MGD) = 4.62  
 Q<sub>s-1w</sub> = 1Q10 High Flow (MGD) = 6.25  
 Q<sub>s-30</sub> = 30Q10 Flow (MGD) = 8.92  
 Q<sub>s-30w</sub> = 30Q10 High Flow (MGD) = 15.43

The water quality wasteload allocations (WLAs) are calculated as follows:

f = fraction of stream flow to use from MIX Program

Acute:

Dry WLA<sub>a</sub> = [AC<sub>dry</sub>((f)Q<sub>s-1</sub> + Q<sub>e</sub>) - (f)(Q<sub>s-1</sub>)(NH<sub>3</sub>-N background)] / (Q<sub>e</sub>) mg/l

Dry WLA<sub>a</sub> = [3.2((1)(4.62 + 0.108) - (1)( ) ( ))] / (0.108) mg/l

Dry WLA<sub>a</sub> = 140 mg/l

Wet WLA<sub>a</sub> = [AC<sub>wet</sub>((f)Q<sub>s-1w</sub> + Q<sub>e</sub>) - (f)(Q<sub>s-1w</sub>)(NH<sub>3</sub>-N background)] / (Q<sub>e</sub>) mg/l

Wet WLA<sub>a</sub> = [3.2((1)(6.25 + 0.108) - (1)( ) ( ))] / (0.108) mg/l

Wet WLA<sub>a</sub> = 188 mg/l

Chronic:

Dry WLA<sub>c</sub> = [CC<sub>dry</sub>((f)Q<sub>s-30</sub> + Q<sub>e</sub>) - (f)(Q<sub>s-30</sub>)(NH<sub>3</sub>-N background)] / (Q<sub>e</sub>)

Dry WLA<sub>c</sub> = [0.672((1)(8.92 + 0.108) - (1)( ) ( ))] / (0.108) mg/l

Dry WLA<sub>c</sub> = 56.2 mg/l

Wet WLA<sub>c</sub> = [CC<sub>wet</sub>((f)Q<sub>s-30w</sub> + Q<sub>e</sub>) - (f)(Q<sub>s-30w</sub>)(NH<sub>3</sub>-N background)] / (Q<sub>e</sub>)

Wet WLA<sub>c</sub> = [1.09((1)(15.43 + 0.108) - (1)( ) ( ))] / (0.108) mg/l

Wet WLA<sub>c</sub> = 156.8 mg/l

From these WLAs, it is obvious that no ammonia nitrogen effluent limitations are needed.



## Calculation of Total Residual Chlorine

Facility Name: Falls Mills Hales Bottom STP

Assuming a background value of 0 and Tier I Waters:

### ACUTE

$$\text{WQ-WLA} = \frac{(\text{AOD}) (\text{QS-1}_{\text{dry}} + \text{Qe})}{\text{Qe}}$$

$$\text{WQ-WLA}_{\text{ad}} = (0.019) (4.62 + 0.108) / 0.108 = 0.83 \text{ mg/l}$$

### CHRONIC

$$\text{AWLA}_{\text{cd}} = \frac{(\text{COD}) (\text{QS-7}_{\text{dry}} + \text{Qe})}{\text{Qe}}$$

$$\text{AWLA}_{\text{cd}} = (0.011) (6.32 + 0.108) / 0.108 = 0.65 \text{ mg/l}$$

The effluent limitations were calculated using the DEQ's Version 2.0.4 Stats Program. See attached computer printout.

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Facility = Falls Mills Hales Bottom STP

Chemical = TRC

Chronic averaging period = 4

WLAa = 0.83

WLAc = 0.65

Q.L. = 0.1

# samples/mo. = 90

# samples/wk. = 23

#### Summary of Statistics:

# observations = 1

Expected Value = .5

Variance = .09

C.V. = 0.6

97th percentile daily values = 1.21670

97th percentile 4 day average = .831895

97th percentile 30 day average = .603026

# < Q.L. = 0

Model used = BPJ Assumptions, type 2 data

A limit is needed based on Acute Toxicity

Maximum Daily Limit = 0.83

Average Weekly limit =  $0.427853056625117 \approx 0.43 \text{ mg/l}$

Average Monthly Limit =  $0.381661118702035 \approx 0.38 \text{ mg/l}$

The data are:

0.5

Due to new flow (stream) data, the TRC limits were recalculated. However, to protect T&E species in stream, existing TRC limits were continued in permit.

## Falls Mills- Hales Bottom STP Metals Calculations for Attachment A

$$WLA = (\text{chronic standard}) (7010 + \text{effluent flow}) / \text{effluent flow}$$

Antimony	:	$WLA = (4300) (6.32 + 0.108) / 0.108 = 25,580 \mu\text{g}$
Arsenic	:	$WLA = (150) (6.32 + 0.108) / 0.108 = 892 \mu\text{g}$
Cadmium	:	$WLA = (1.13) (6.32 + 0.108) / 0.108 = 6.7 \mu\text{g}$
Chromium III	:	$WLA = (74.1) (6.32 + 0.108) / 0.108 = 444 \mu\text{g}$
Chromium VI	:	$WLA = (11) (6.32 + 0.108) / 0.108 = 65.4 \mu\text{g}$
Copper	:	$WLA = (9.07) (6.32 + 0.108) / 0.108 = 54 \mu\text{g}$
Lead	:	$WLA = (13.5) (6.32 + 0.108) / 0.108 = 80.3 \mu\text{g}$
Mercury	:	$WLA = (0.77) (6.32 + 0.108) / 0.108 = 4.6 \mu\text{g}$
Nickel	:	$WLA = (20.27) (6.32 + 0.108) / 0.108 = 121 \mu\text{g}$
Selenium	:	$WLA = (5.0) (6.32 + 0.108) / 0.108 = 29.8 \mu\text{g}$
Silver	:	$WLA = (3.45) (4.62 + 0.108) / 0.108 = 151 \mu\text{g}$
Zinc	:	$WLA = (120) (6.32 + 0.108) / 0.108 = 721 \mu\text{g}$

Metals chronic criteria based on a hardness value of 100 mg/l

## ATTACHMENT 3

### Threatened & Endangered Species Information

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<p><b>Effluent Characteristics and Max Daily Flow:</b> See attached draft permit pages</p>	<p><b>Species Search Results (or attach database report and map):</b></p> <p><b>SE: Tennessee Heelsplitter (<i>Lasmigona holstonia</i>)</b></p>

Attach draft permit effluent limits page if available or attach existing effluent limits page (make sure it is clear in your email which one it is – draft current or existing).

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Thank you for submitting your project to DCR Natural Heritage. Attached is an overview of the results and potential conflicts.



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## ***PROJECT INFORMATION***

**TITLE:** Falls Mills-Hales Bottom STP  
**DESCRIPTION:** Reissuance of 0.108 MGD VPDES permit  
**EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS:** Existing 0.108 MGD discharge into the Bluestone River with estimated complete mix at 250 ft.  
**QUADRANGLES:** BRAMWELL  
**COUNTIES:** Tazewell  
**Latitude/Longitude (DMS):** 371633/811825  
**Acreage:** 1  
**Comments:** No proposed upgrades or expansion of this STP is planned at this time. Complete mix calculated at 7Q10 of 6.32 MGD and 1Q10 of 4.62 MGD.

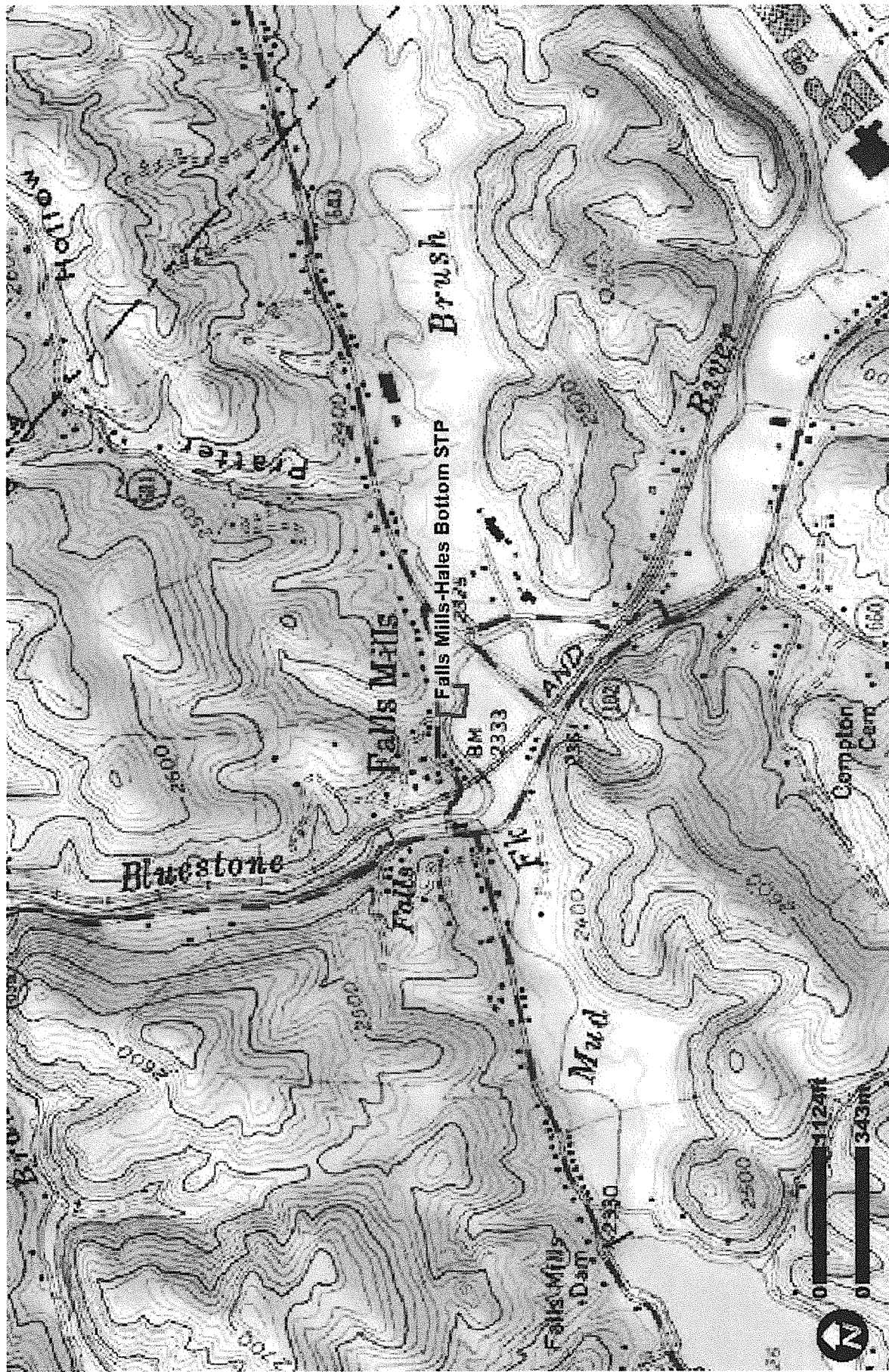
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<b>Priority:</b> No	<b>Tier Level:</b> 2	<b>Tax ID:</b>
<b>Contact Name:</b> Fred Wyatt		
<b>Company Name:</b> DEQ-Southwest Regional Office		
<b>Address:</b> 355-A Deadmore St		
<b>City:</b> Abingdon	<b>State:</b> VA	<b>Zip:</b> 24210
<b>Phone:</b> 276-676-4810	<b>Fax:</b> 276-676-4899	<b>Email:</b> frederick.wyatt@deq.virginia.gov

Conservation Site Name	Site Type	Branch	Acreage	Listed Species Presence
ROSENBAUM'S WATER	Conservation Site	B3	1,156	NL
BLUESTONE - CLINCH RIVER - INDIAN CREEK - BIG BRANCH SCU	SCU	B2	372	FL
MUD FORK SCU	SCU	B5	21	NL
Natural Heritage Conservation Sites within Search Radius				

Site-Name	Group-Name	common-name	scientific-name	GRANK	SRANK	Fed Status	st status	EO Rank	last obs date	precision
BLUESTONE -CLINCH RIVER - INDIAN CREEK - BIG BRANCH SCU	Invertebrate Animal	Tennessee Heelsplitter	Lasmigona holstonia	G3	S1		LE	E	1998	
BLUESTONE -CLINCH RIVER - INDIAN CREEK - BIG BRANCH SCU	Invertebrate Animal	Tennessee Heelsplitter	Lasmigona holstonia	G3	S1		LE	E	2008-05-06	
Natural Heritage Resources within Search Radius										



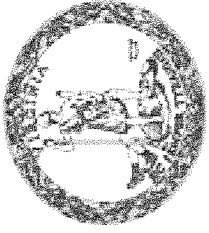
Quads: BRAMWELL

Counties: Tazewell

## Falls Mills-Hales Bottom STP

Company: DEQ-Southwest  
Regional Office  
Lat/Long: 371633/811825

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## DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

The project mapped as part of this report has been searched against the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Biotics Data System for occurrences of natural heritage resources from the area indicated for this project. Natural heritage resources are defined as the habitat of rare, threatened, or endangered plant and animal species, unique or exemplary natural communities, and significant geologic formations.

According to the information currently in Biotics files, NATURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED within two miles of the indicated project boundaries.

You have submitted this project to DCR for a more detailed review for potential impacts to natural heritage resources. DCR will review the submitted project to identify the specific natural heritage resources in the vicinity of the proposed project. Using the expertise of our biologists, DCR will evaluate whether your specific project is likely to impact these resources, and if so how. DCR's response will indicate whether any negative impacts are likely and, if so, make recommendations to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate these impacts. If the potential negative impacts are to species that are state- or federally-listed as threatened or endangered, DCR will also recommend coordination with the appropriate regulatory agencies: the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries for state-listed animals, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for state-listed plants and insects, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for federally listed plants and animals. If your project is expected to have positive impacts we will report those to you with recommendations for enhancing these benefits.

Please allow up to 30 days for a response.

We will review the project based on the information you included in the Project Info submittal form, which is included in the report that follows. Often additional information can help us make a more accurate and detailed assessment of a project's potential impacts to natural heritage resources. If you have additional information that you believe will help us better assess your project's potential impacts, you may send that information to us. Please refer to the project Title (from the first page of this report) and include this pdf file with any additional information you send us.

Thank you for submitting your project for review to the Virginia Natural Heritage Program through the NH Data Explorer. Should you have any questions or concerns about DCR, the Data Explorer, or this report, please contact the Natural Heritage Project Review Unit at 804-371-2708.



## Wyatt, Frederick (DEQ)

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**From:** nhreview (DCR)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 09, 2012 6:12 PM  
**To:** Wyatt, Frederick (DEQ)  
**Cc:** ProjectReview (DGIF)  
**Subject:** VA0062561, Falls Mills-Hales Bottom STP  
**Attachments:** 62119, DEQ VA0062561, Falls Mills – Hales Bottom STP.pdf

Mr. Wyatt,

Please find attached the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Natural Heritage (DCR-DNH) comments for the above referenced project. The comments are in pdf format and can be printed for your records. Also species rank information is available at [http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural\\_heritage/help.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/help.shtml) for your reference.

Please send a confirmation e-mail upon receipt of our comments. Let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

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April 9, 2012

Fred Wyatt  
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Southwest Regional Office  
355-A Deadmore Street  
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Re: VA0062561, Falls Mills – Hales Bottom STP

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Division of Natural Heritage (DCR) has searched its Biotics Data System for occurrences of natural heritage resources from the area outlined on the submitted map. Natural heritage resources are defined as the habitat of rare, threatened, or endangered plant and animal species, unique or exemplary natural communities, and significant geologic formations.

According to the information currently in our files, the Bluestone River at Falls Mills Stream Conservation Unit (SCU) is located within the project site. SCUs identify stream reaches that contain aquatic natural heritage resources, including 2 miles upstream and 1 mile downstream of documented occurrences, and all tributaries within this reach. SCUs are also given a biodiversity significance ranking based on the rarity, quality, and number of element occurrences they contain. The Bluestone River at Falls Mills SCU has been given a biodiversity ranking of B4, which represents a site of moderate significance. The natural heritage resource associated with this site is:

*Lasmigona holstonia*

Tennessee heelsplitter

G3/S1/NL/LE

The Tennessee heelsplitter, a rare freshwater mussel species, occurs in the Ohio and Tennessee River drainages (NatureServe, 2009). In Virginia, there are records from the Powell, Clinch, Holston, and New River drainages. This is a mussel of smaller streams, or side-channels and sloughs of larger streams. It is found in fine particulate substrates (sand and mud) at shallow water depths (NatureServe, 2009).

Considered good indicators of the health of aquatic ecosystems, freshwater mussels are dependent on good water quality, good physical habitat conditions, and an environment that will support populations of host fish species (Williams et al., 1993). Because mussels are sedentary organisms, they are sensitive to water quality degradation related to increased sedimentation and pollution. They are also sensitive to habitat destruction through dam construction, channelization and dredging, and the invasion of exotic

mollusk species. Please note that the Tennessee heelsplitter is currently listed as endangered by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF).

In addition, the Bluestone River has been designated by the VDGIF as a "Threatened and Endangered Species Water." The species associated with this T & E Water is the Tennessee heelsplitter.

Due to the legal status of the Tennessee heelsplitter, DCR recommends coordination with Virginia's regulatory authority for the management and protection of this species, the VDGIF, to ensure compliance with the Virginia Endangered Species Act (VA ST §§ 29.1-563 – 570). To minimize impacts to aquatic resources, DCR also recommends the use of uv/ozone to replace chlorination disinfection and utilization of new technologies as they become available to improve water quality.

There are no State Natural Area Preserves under DCR's jurisdiction in the project vicinity.

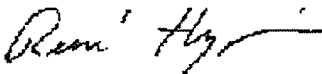
Under a Memorandum of Agreement established between the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), DCR represents VDACS in comments regarding potential impacts on state-listed threatened and endangered plant and insect species. The current activity will not affect any documented state-listed plants or insects.

New and updated information is continually added to Biotics. Please contact DCR for an update on this natural heritage information if a significant amount of time passes before it is utilized.

The VDGIF maintains a database of wildlife locations, including threatened and endangered species, trout streams, and anadromous fish waters that may contain information not documented in this letter. Their database may be accessed from <http://vafwis.org/fwis/> or contact Shirl Dressler at (804) 367-6913.

Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact René Hypes at 804-371-2708. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,



S. René Hypes  
Project Review Coordinator

CC: Amy Ewing, VDGIF

#### Literature Cited

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Known or likely to occur within a **2 mile radius around point 37,16,34.0 -81,18,26.0**  
in **185 Tazewell County, VA**

[View Map of  
Site Location](#)

445 Known or Likely Species ordered by Status Concern for Conservation  
(displaying first 40) (40 species with Status\* or Tier I\*\* or Tier II\*\*)

<u>BOVA Code</u>	<u>Status*</u>	<u>Tier**</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>	<u>Database(s)</u>
050023	FESE	I	<u>Bat, Indiana</u>	Myotis sodalis		BOVA,HU6
060169	FESE	I	<u>Bean (pearlymussel), Cumberland</u>	Villosa trabalis		BOVA
060031	FESE	I	<u>Mussel, oyster</u>	Epioblasma capsaeformis		BOVA
060082	FESE	I	<u>Pearlymussel, cracking</u>	Hemistena lata		BOVA
060094	FESE	I	<u>Pearlymussel, littlewing</u>	Pegias fabula		BOVA
060051	FESE	I	<u>Pigtoe, finerayed</u>	Fusconaia cuneolus		BOVA
060052	FESE	I	<u>Pigtoe, shiny</u>	Fusconaia cor		BOVA
060122	FESE	I	<u>Rabbitsfoot, rough</u>	Quadrula cylindrica strigillata		BOVA
050021	FESE	II	<u>Bat, gray</u>	Myotis grisescens		HU6
050035	FESE	II	<u>Bat, Virginia big-eared</u>	Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus		BOVA,HU6
040267	SE	I	<u>Wren, Bewick's</u>	Thryomanes bewickii		BOVA
060080	SE	II	<u>Heelsplitter, Tennessee</u>	Lasmigona holstonia	<u>Yes</u>	BOVA,SppObs,HU6,TEWaters,Habitat
040096	ST	I	<u>Falcon, peregrine</u>	Falco peregrinus		BOVA
040293	ST	I	<u>Shrike, loggerhead</u>	Lanius ludovicianus		BOVA,HU6
010342	ST	II	<u>Darter, sickle</u>	Percina williamsi		BOVA
040093	FSST	II	<u>Eagle, bald</u>	Haliaeetus leucocephalus		BOVA,HU6

060163	ST	IV	<u>Papershell,</u> <u>fragile</u>	Leptodea fragilis		BOVA
040292	ST		<u>Shrike,</u> <u>migrant</u> <u>loggerhead</u>	Lanius ludovicianus migrans		BOVA
060121	FC	II	<u>Kidneyshell,</u> <u>fluted</u>	Ptychobranchus subtentum		BOVA
080214	FS	I	<u>Stonefly,</u> <u>Beartown</u> <u>perlodid</u>	Isoperla major		BOVA
080226	FS	I	<u>Stonefly,</u> <u>Kosztarab's</u> <u>common</u>	Acroneuria kosztarabi		BOVA
100248	FS	I	<u>Fritillary,</u> <u>regal</u>	Speyeria idalia idalia		BOVA,HU6
010341	FS	II	<u>Logperch,</u> <u>blotchside</u>	Percina burtoni		BOVA
060050	FS	II	<u>Pigtoe,</u> <u>Tennessee</u>	Fusconaia barnesiana		BOVA
100154	FS	II	<u>Butterfly,</u> <u>Persius</u> <u>duskywing</u>	Erynnis persius persius		BOVA,HU6
010429	FS	III	<u>Sculpin,</u> <u>Bluestone</u>	Cottus sp. 1		BOVA,HU6
100001	FS	IV	<u>fritillary,</u> <u>Diana</u>	Speyeria diana		BOVA
020020	CC	II	<u>Hellbender,</u> <u>eastern</u>	Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis		BOVA,HU6
030012	CC	IV	<u>Rattlesnake,</u> <u>timber</u>	Crotalus horridus		BOVA
040372		I	<u>Crossbill, red</u>	Loxia curvirostra		BOVA
040225		I	<u>Sapsucker,</u> <u>yellow-bellied</u>	Sphyrapicus varius		BOVA,HU6,Habitat
040319		I	<u>Warbler, black</u> <u>-throated</u> <u>green</u>	Dendroica virens		BOVA
040306		I	<u>Warbler,</u> <u>golden-</u> <u>winged</u>	Vermivora chrysoptera		BOVA,HU6
020011		II	<u>Frog, mountain</u> <u>chorus</u>	Pseudacris brachyphona		BOVA,Habitat
020030		II	<u>Salamander,</u> <u>green</u>	Aneides aeneus		BOVA,HU6

040052		II	<u>Duck, American black</u>	Anas rubripes		BOVA,HU6
040213		II	<u>Owl, northern saw-whet</u>	Aegolius acadicus		BOVA,HU6
040320		II	<u>Warbler, cerulean</u>	Dendroica cerulea		BOVA,HU6
040304		II	<u>Warbler, Swainson's</u>	Limnothlypis swainsonii		BOVA,HU6
040266		II	<u>Wren, winter</u>	Troglodytes troglodytes		BOVA,HU6

To view **All 445 species** [View 445](#)

\* FE=Federal Endangered; FT=Federal Threatened; SE=State Endangered; ST=State Threatened; FP=Federal Proposed; FC=Federal Candidate; FS=Federal Species of Concern; CC=Collection Concern

\*\* I=VA Wildlife Action Plan - Tier I - Critical Conservation Need; II=VA Wildlife Action Plan - Tier II - Very High Conservation Need; III=VA Wildlife Action Plan - Tier III - High Conservation Need; IV=VA Wildlife Action Plan - Tier IV - Moderate Conservation Need

### Anadromous Fish Use Streams

N/A

### Colonial Water Bird Survey

N/A

### Threatened and Endangered Waters (1 Reach)

[View Map of All Threatened and Endangered Waters](#)

Stream Name	T&E Waters Species						View Map
	Highest TE *	BOVA Code, Status *, Tier **, Common & Scientific Name					
<u>Bluestone River (05050002)</u>	SE	060080	SE	II	<u>Heelsplitter, Tennessee</u>	Lasmigona holstonia	<u>Yes</u>

### Managed Trout Streams

N/A

### Bald Eagle Concentration Areas and Roosts

N/A

Bald Eagle Nests N/A

Habitat Predicted for Aquatic WAP Tier I & II Species

( 3 Reaches )

View Map Combined Reaches from Below of Habitat Predicted for WAP Tier I & II Aquatic Species

Stream Name	Tier Species						View Map
	Highest TE *	BOVA Code, Status *, Tier **, Common & Scientific Name					
(50500021)	SE	060080	SE	II	Heelsplitter, Tennessee	Lasmigona holstonia	<u>Yes</u>
Bluestone River (50500021)	SE	060080	SE	II	Heelsplitter, Tennessee	Lasmigona holstonia	<u>Yes</u>
Mud Fork (50500021)	SE	060080	SE	II	Heelsplitter, Tennessee	Lasmigona holstonia	<u>Yes</u>

Habitat Predicted for Terrestrial WAP Tier I & II Species ( 2 Species )

View Map of Combined Terrestrial Habitat Predicted for 2 WAP Tier I & II Species Listed Below  
ordered by Status Concern for Conservation

BOVA Code	Status*	Tier**	Common Name	Scientific Name	View Map
040225		I	Sapsucker, yellow-bellied	Sphyrapicus varius	<u>Yes</u>
020011		II	Frog, mountain chorus	Pseudacris brachyphona	<u>Yes</u>

Public Holdings:

N/A

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# TE Waters Group Bluestone River (05050002)

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Yes No  
1 mile and 1/4 mile at the  
Search Point

## Show Search Area

Yes No  
2 Search distance miles  
radius

Search Point is at map  
center

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## Map Overlay Choices

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Observation

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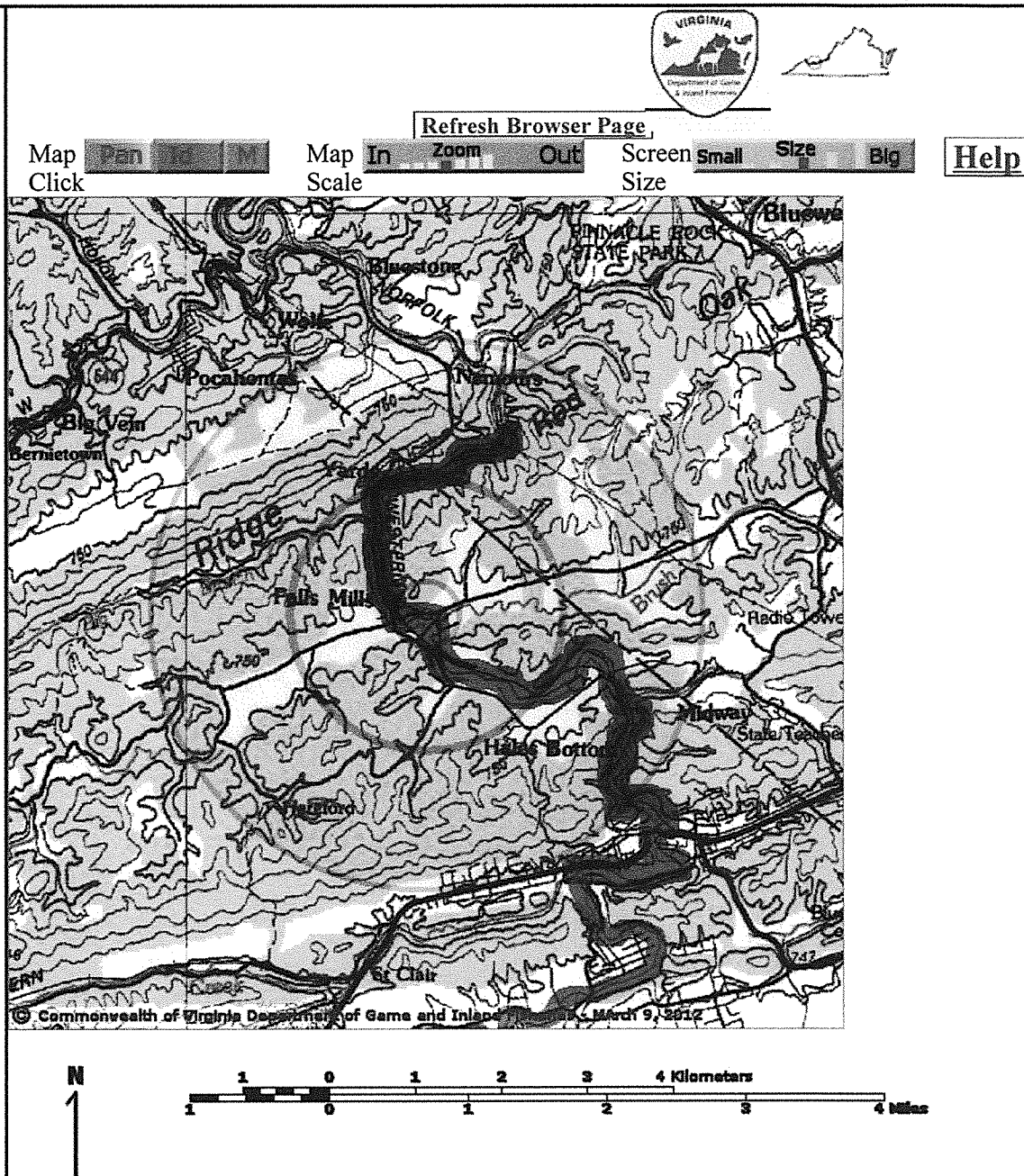
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Data  
Observation Site



Point of Search 37,16,33.9 -81,18,25.9

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ATTACHMENT 4  
TMDL Information

# Summary Report for Bluestone River

ID: VAS-N37R\_BST01A96

State: VA - 2010

Single Cat.(User Cat.): 0  
(5D)

<b>Water Information:</b>	<b>Bluestone River</b>	
	<b>Location:</b> Mainstem from Big Branch confluence downstream to WV state line near Yards in WQS Section 1g, u.	<b>Water Type:</b> RIVER <b>Size:</b> 0.59 MILES <b>Next Scheduled Monitoring Date:</b> N/A

## Use Information

<b>Assessed:</b>	<b>Attainment Status</b>	<b>Uses (Class: IV)</b>
	Fully Supporting	Wildlife
	Not Supporting	Recreation (VAS-N37R-02) Aquatic Life (VAS-N37R-02) Fish Consumption (VAS-N37R-02)

## Types of Assessment

Assessment Type	Uses	Assessment Confidence
BIOLOGICAL	Aquatic Life	
PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL	Aquatic Life Fish Consumption Wildlife	
PATHOGEN INDICATORS	Recreation	
OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATORS	Fish Consumption	

Assessment Method	Uses
(STATE) VDH Fish Consumption BAN	Fish Consumption
Bacteria - E. Coli	Recreation
Fish tissue analysis (Metals/Organics)	Fish Consumption

Fixed station physical/chemical (conventional plus toxic pollutants)	Aquatic Life Wildlife
Monitoring data more than 5 years old	Aquatic Life
Probabilistic biological monitoring	Aquatic Life
SPMD water column toxics	Aquatic Life

### Additional Location Information

COUNTY	TAZEWELL CO
HUC	05050002

### Cause Information

Causes	Associated Uses	Pollutant?	Confidence
Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments (N36R-01-BEN)	Aquatic Life	Yes	H
Chlordane (N36R-01-CDANE)	Aquatic Life	Yes	H
Escherichia coli (N36R-01-BAC)	Recreation	Yes	H
Sedimentation/Siltation (N36R-01-BEN)	Aquatic Life	Yes	M
Fecal Coliform (N36R-01-BAC)	Recreation	Yes	H
PCB in Fish Tissue (N36R-01-PCB)	Fish Consumption	Yes	H

### Listing Information

Causes	Cycle First Listed	TMDL Schedule	TMDL Completed?
Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments	1996	2004	<u>Yes</u>
Chlordane	2004	2016	No
Escherichia coli	2006	2004	<u>Yes</u>

Fecal Coliform	1996	2004	<u>Yes</u>
PCB in Fish Tissue	2002	2012	No
Sedimentation/Siltation	2010	2004	<u>Yes</u>

### Source Information

Sources	Associated Causes	Confirmed?
Source Unknown	Chlordane PCB in Fish Tissue	N
Crop Production (Crop Land or Dry Land)	Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments Sedimentation/Siltation	Y
Silviculture Activities	Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments Sedimentation/Siltation	Y
Unrestricted Cattle Access	Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments Sedimentation/Siltation	Y
Rural (Residential Areas)	Escherichia coli Fecal Coliform	N

### Comments On:

### Overall Assessment

2010 WQA: AWQM station at 9-BST062.47 had 77% (7/9) E.coli samples that exceeded WQS and two TP samples that exceeded the DEQ screening value; no additional impairments were detected. A special study station at 9-BST066.18 has insufficient data for benthic assessment. Fall 2005 SPMD study below Yards measured 1800 pg/l in the Bluestone River. At the AWQM station located at 9-BST023.05 7 E.coli bacteria violations of 12 samples (58%) was detected. Sediment and fish tissue monitoring at 9-BST021.26; total Chlordane, DDT and PCB were detected in a single sediment sample collected in 2002. The DEQ screening value was exceeded for Heptachlor epoxide and Chlordane in a carp sample. The VDH level of concern for PCB was exceeded in several carp samples (2369.25) and the DEQ screening value was exceeded in a white sucker sample. April 2004: SPMD preliminary study at 9-BST021.26 found a water column concentration of PCBs of 1300 pg/l which is less than VA water quality criteria of 1700 pg/l.

## Uses

**Fish Consumption** Fall 2005 SPMD study below Yards measured 1800 pg/l in the Bluestone River. Sediment and fish tissue monitoring at 9-BST021.26; total Chlordane, DDT and PCB were detected in a single sediment sample collected in 2002. The DEQ screening value was exceeded for Heptachlor epoxide and Chlordane in a carp sample. The VDH level of concern for PCB was exceeded in several carp samples (2369.25) and the DEQ screening value was exceeded in a white sucker sample. April 2004: SPMD preliminary study at 9-BST021.26 found a water column concentration of PCBs of 1300 pg/l which is less than VA water quality criteria of 1700 pg/l.

## Causes

**Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments** 18192 & 23340, 04.30.2004

**Chlordane** Chlordane was found in carp.

**Escherichia coli** 23340, 4.30.2004 AWQM station at 9-BST062.47 had 77% (7/9) E. Coli samples that exceeded WQS.

**Sedimentation/Siltation** 18192 & 23340, 04.30.2004

**Fecal Coliform** 18192 & 23340, 04.30.2004 E. Coli-Fed ID 18192. 2006 00016 / 2008 N36R-01-BAC

**PCB in Fish Tissue** Fall 2005 SPMD study below Yards measured 1800 pg/l in the Bluestone River. Sediment monitoring at 9-BST021.26; total Chlordane, DDT and PCB were detected in a single sediment sample collected in 2002. The VDH level of concern for PCB was exceeded in sev

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# 2010 Impaired Waters

## Categories 4 and 5

### New River Basin

Cause Group Code: **N36R-01-BAC** **Bluestone River and Big Branch**

Location: This segment extends from Route 460 bridge downstream to the West Virginia political boundary and includes Big Branch from the headwaters downstream to the confluence with the Bluestone River.

City / County: Tazewell Co.

Use(s): Recreation

Cause(s) /  
VA Category: Escherichia coli / 4A Fecal Coliform / 4A

Station 9-BST066.80 had a 60% exceedence of the E.coli water quality standard. The AWQM station located at 9-BST062.47 had a 77% exceedence of the E.coli water quality standard, station 9-BST073.32 had a 37% exceedence and station 9-BIG000.12 had a 88% exceedence of the E.coli water quality standard..

Assessment Unit / Water Name / Description	Cause Category / Name	Cycle First Listed	TMDL Schedule	Size
VAS-N36R_BST04A02 / Bluestone River / From Wright's Valley Creek confluence downstream to N37 at the Big Branch confluence, section 1g, u.	4A Escherichia coli	1996	2004	6.05
VAS-N36R_BST04B02 / Bluestone River / From PWS intake for Town of Bluefield, downstream to Wright's Valley Creek confluence, section 1g, u.	4A Escherichia coli	2006	2004	1.63
VAS-N36R_BST05A02 / Bluestone River / From Town of Bluefield PWS intake, upstream to Rt 460 bridge, WQS Section 1h, u.	4A Escherichia coli	2002	2004	4.93
VAS-N37R_BIG01A10 / Big Branch / Bluestone tributary south of Abbs Valley Ridge, from headwaters in WQS Section 1g, parallel SR 698.	4A Escherichia coli	2010	2022	3.25
VAS-N37R_BST01A96 / Bluestone River / Mainstem from Big Branch confluence downstream to WV state line near Yards in WQS Section 1g, u.	4A Escherichia coli	2006	2004	0.59
Bluestone River and Big Branch				Reservoir (Acres)
Escherichia coli - Total Impaired Size by Water Type:				River (Miles) 16.45

Assessment Unit / Water Name / Description	Cause Category / Name	Cycle First Listed	TMDL Schedule	Size
VAS-N36R_BST04B02 / Bluestone River / From PWS intake for Town of Bluefield, downstream to Wright's Valley Creek confluence, section 1g, u.	4A Fecal Coliform	2002	2004	1.63
VAS-N37R_BST01A96 / Bluestone River / Mainstem from Big Branch confluence downstream to WV state line near Yards in WQS Section 1g, u.	4A Fecal Coliform	1996	2004	0.59
Bluestone River and Big Branch				Reservoir (Acres)
Fecal Coliform - Total Impaired Size by Water Type:				River (Miles) 2.22





## 2010 Impaired Waters

### Categories 4 and 5

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#### New River Basin

##### Sources:

Rural (Residential Areas)

Sewage Discharges in  
Unsewered Areas



# 2010 Impaired Waters

## Categories 4 and 5

### New River Basin

Cause Group Code: **N36R-01-BEN** **Bluestone River**

Location: This segment extends from the Wright's Valley Creek confluence downstream to the West Virginia political boundary.

City / County: Tazewell Co.

Use(s): Aquatic Life

Cause(s) /  
VA Category: Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments / 4A Sedimentation/Siltation

Biological station 9-BST066.80 was impaired based on the VSCI scores of 26 and 31 in 2008.

Assessment Unit / Water Name / Description	Cause Category / Name	Cycle First Listed	TMDL Schedule	Size
VAS-N36R_BST04A02 / Bluestone River / From Wright's Valley Creek confluence downstream to N37 at the Big Branch confluence, section 1g, u.	4A Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments	1996	2004	6.05
VAS-N37R_BST01A96 / Bluestone River / Mainstem from Big Branch confluence downstream to WV state line near Yards in WQS Section 1g, u.	4A Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments	1996	2004	0.59
Bluestone River				Reservoir (Acres)
Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments - Total Impaired Size by Water Type				River (Miles)
				6.64

Assessment Unit / Water Name / Description	Cause Category / Name	Cycle First Listed	TMDL Schedule	Size
VAS-N36R_BST04A02 / Bluestone River / From Wright's Valley Creek confluence downstream to N37 at the Big Branch confluence, section 1g, u.	4A Sedimentation/Siltation	2010	2004	6.05
VAS-N37R_BST01A96 / Bluestone River / Mainstem from Big Branch confluence downstream to WV state line near Yards in WQS Section 1g, u.	4A Sedimentation/Siltation	2010	2004	0.59
Bluestone River				Reservoir (Acres)
Sedimentation/Siltation - Total Impaired Size by Water Type:				River (Miles)
				6.64

#### Sources:

Crop Production (Crop Land or Dry Land)

Silviculture Activities

Unrestricted Cattle Access



# 2010 Impaired Waters

## Categories 4 and 5

### New River Basin

Cause Group Code: **N36R-01-CDAN** **Bluestone River**

Location: This segment includes the mainstem from the confluence with Big Branch downstream to West Virginia political boundary; may be found on the Bramwell quad sheet.

City / County: Tazewell Co.

Use(s): Aquatic Life

Cause(s) /  
VA Category: Chlordane / 5A

The fish tissue and sediment sampling stations at 9-BST069.46 and 9-BST066.94 had total chlordane levels detected in the sediment in 2002 above DEQ's screening value.

Assessment Unit / Water Name / Description	Cause Category / Name	Cycle First Listed	TMDL Schedule	Size
VAS-N37R_BST01A96 / Bluestone River / Mainstem from Big Branch confluence downstream to WV state line near Yards in WQS Section 1g, u.	5A Chlordane	2004	2016	0.59

Bluestone River	Reservoir (Acres)	River (Miles)
Chlordane - Total Impaired Size by Water Type:		0.59

#### Sources:

Source Unknown



# 2010 Impaired Waters

## Categories 4 and 5

### New River Basin

Cause Group Code: **N36R-01-PCB** **Bluestone River**

**Location:** This segment begins at the Route 460 bridge downstream to the West Virginia political boundary. It also includes a segment of Beaverpond Creek that flows from West Virginia into Virginia, sometimes under city buildings and streets and into the Bluestone River and Brush Fork from the West Virginia state line to the confluence with the Bluestone River in Falls Mills.

**City / County:** Tazewell Co.

**Use(s):** Fish Consumption

**Cause(s) /**  
**VA Category:** PCB in Fish Tissue / 5A PCB in Water Column

In April 2004 a Special Study was conducted by DEQ and USGS. An SPMD deployed at station 9-BPB000.02 indicated Total PCBs in the water column at 3700pg/l and 1300pg/l in 2005. SPMDs deployed at stations 9-BST0066.18, 9-BST0068.98 and 9-BST0072.65 indicated PCB values of 1800pg/l, 800pg/l and 230pg/l. Fish tissue and sediment stations 9-BST066.94 and 9-BST069.46 found PCBs in exceedence of DEQ's screening value in white suckers. Station 9-BST069.46 also had sediment samples that exceeded the ER-M for PCBs. SPMD sampling in 2004 indicated PCB was 3500pg/l at station 9-BFK003.14.

Assessment Unit / Water Name / Description	Cause Category / Name	Cycle First Listed	TMDL Schedule	Size
VAS-N36R_BST04A02 / Bluestone River / From Wright's Valley Creek confluence downstream to N37 at the Big Branch confluence, section 1g, u.	5A PCB in Fish Tissue	2002	2012	6.05
VAS-N36R_BST04B02 / Bluestone River / From PWS intake for Town of Bluefield, downstream to Wright's Valley Creek confluence, section 1g, u.	5A PCB in Fish Tissue	2002	2012	1.63
VAS-N36R_BST05A02 / Bluestone River / From Town of Bluefield PWS intake, upstream to Rt 460 bridge, WQS Section 1h, u.	5A PCB in Fish Tissue	2002	2012	4.93
VAS-N37R_BST01A96 / Bluestone River / Mainstem from Big Branch confluence downstream to WV state line near Yards in WQS Section 1g, u.	5A PCB in Fish Tissue	2002	2012	0.59

Bluestone River

Reservoir (Acres) River (Miles)

PCB in Fish Tissue - Total Impaired Size by Water Type:

13.20

Assessment Unit / Water Name / Description	Cause Category / Name	Cycle First Listed	TMDL Schedule	Size
VAS-N36R_BFK01A06 / Brush Fork / Bluestone tributary from WV state line downstream to Bluestone River at Falls Mills parallel to SR 643, WQS Section 1g.	5A PCB in Water Column	2010	2022	1.36

Bluestone River

Reservoir (Acres) River (Miles)

PCB in Water Column - Total Impaired Size by Water Type:

1.36



# 2010 Impaired Waters

## Categories 4 and 5

### New River Basin

Assessment Unit /	Water Name /	Description	Cause Category /	Name	Cycle First Listed	TMDL Schedule	Size
VAS-N36R_BPB01A06 /	Beaverpond Creek /	Bluestone	5A	Polychlorinated biphenyls	2006	2018	3.03
tributary from WV state line, sometimes under town buildings and streets, downstream to Bluestone confluence, WQS Section 1g.							

Bluestone River	Reservoir (Acres)	River (Miles)
Polychlorinated biphenyls - Total Impaired Size by Water Type:		3.03

#### Sources:

Illegal Dumps or Other  
 Inappropriate Waste  
 Disposal

Source Unknown



Search for Approved TMDL Reports

To return all records, simply click the Search button without entering any criteria.

Waterbody Name

Bluestone River

example searches: Opequon Creek, OPEQUON, op

City/County

Tazewell

example searches: Albemarle, ALB, albem

Major River Basin

New River Basin

Pollutant

EPA Approval Date (Year)

SWCB Approval Date (Year)

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Approved TMDL reports

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TMDL Project	Basin	City/County	Pollutant (s)	Comment document	Final report	EPA approval date	SWCB approval date	Comments
<u>Bluestone River Watershed</u>	New River	Bland, Tazewell	E. Coli Sediment	-	Final report <u>Modification</u>	09/20/2004 <u>EPA rationale</u>	09/07/2006	

**Table 8.5 VPDES point source facilities and permitted TSS load.**

Bluestone River Point Sources		Existing Conditions				Future Conditions	
VPDES ID	Name	Permit Discharge (MGD)	Runoff (cm)	Area (ha)	Conc. (mg/l)	TSS (t/yr)	TSS (t/yr)
<b>Industrial Stormwater Discharge Permits</b>							
VAR051098	Thistle Foundry & Machine Co.	-	65.44	1.4569	100	0.953	0.953
VAR051047	Floyd Asphalt Paving Co., Inc.	-	65.44	1.0174	100	0.666	0.666
<b>Wastewater Discharge Permits</b>							
VA0025054	Bluefield Westside WWTP						
	6/1-11/30	5.3	-	-	7		
	12/1 - 5/31	5.3	-	-	13		
	Average/yr	5.3	-	-	10	73.220	107.480*
VA0062561	Falls Mills STP	0.108	-	-	30	4.477	4.477
VAG110001	Bluefield Ready Mix	0.009	-	-	60	0.746	0.746
VAG750008	Fast Stop	0.0133	-	-	60	1.103	1.103
VAG750032	Mike Soft Cloth	0.0012	-	-	60	0.099	0.099
VAG750067	Mash Car Wash	0.0008	-	-	60	0.066	0.066
VAG840021	Pounding Mill Quarry	0.001	-	-	60	0.083	0.083
<b>Total Point Source Loads</b>						<b>81.413</b>	<b>115.673</b>

\*TSS Load projected for 8.1 MGD discharge from Bluefield Westside WWTP and tier months of June-December & January-May.

## ATTACHMENT 6

### EPA Check Sheet



**State "Transmittal Checklist" to Assist in Targeting  
Municipal and Industrial Individual NPDES Draft Permits for Review**

**Part I. State Draft Permit Submission Checklist**

In accordance with the MOA established between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, the Commonwealth submits the following draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Agency review and concurrence.

Facility Name: Falls Mills-Hales Bottom Sewage Treatment Plant

NPDES Permit Number: VA0062561

Permit Writer Name: Fred M. Wyatt

Date: April 2, 2012

Major ☐Minor ☒Industrial ☐Municipal ☒

**I.A. Draft Permit Package Submittal Includes:**

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Permit Application?	X		
2. Complete Draft Permit (for renewal or first time permit– entire permit, including boilerplate information)?	X		
3. Copy of Public Notice?		X	
4. Complete Fact Sheet?	X		
5. A Priority Pollutant Screening to determine parameters of concern?		X	
6. A Reasonable Potential analysis showing calculated WQBELs?		X	
7. Dissolved Oxygen calculations?		X	
8. Whole Effluent Toxicity Test summary and analysis?		X	
9. Permit Rating Sheet for new or modified industrial facilities?			X

**I.B. Permit/Facility Characteristics**

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Is this a new, or currently unpermitted facility?		X	
2. Are all permissible outfalls (including combined sewer overflow points, non-process water and storm water) from the facility properly identified and authorized in the permit?	X		
3. Does the fact sheet or permit contain a description of the wastewater treatment process?	X		

I.B. Permit/Facility Characteristics– cont.	Yes	No	N/A
4. Does the review of PCS/DMR data for at least the last 3 years indicate significant non-compliance with the existing permit?		X	
5. Has there been any change in streamflow characteristics since the last permit was developed?	X		
6. Does the permit allow the discharge of new or increased loadings of any pollutants?		X	
7. Does the fact sheet or permit provide a description of the receiving water body(s) to which the facility discharges, including information on low/critical flow conditions and designated/existing uses?	X		
8. Does the facility discharge to a 303(d) listed water?	X		
a. Has a TMDL been developed and approved by EPA for the impaired water?	X		
b. Does the record indicate that the TMDL development is on the State priority list and will most likely be developed within the life of the permit?	X		
c. Does the facility discharge a pollutant of concern identified in the TMDL or 303(d) listed water?	X		
9. Have any limits been removed, or are any limits less stringent, than those in the current permit?		X	
10. Does the permit authorize discharges of storm water?		X	
11. Has the facility substantially enlarged or altered its operation or substantially increased its flow or production?		X	
12. Are there any production-based, technology-based effluent limits in the permit?		X	
13. Do any water quality-based effluent limit calculations differ from the State's standard policies or procedures?		X	
14. Are any WQBELs based on an interpretation of narrative criteria?		X	
15. Does the permit incorporate any variances or other exceptions to the State's standards or regulations?		X	
16. Does the permit contain a compliance schedule for any limit or condition?		X	
17. Is there a potential impact to endangered/threatened species or their habitat by the facility's discharge(s)?	X		
18. Have impacts from the discharge(s) at downstream potable water supplies been evaluated?	X		
19. Is there any indication that there is significant public interest in the permit action proposed for this facility?		X	
20. Have previous permit, application, and fact sheet been examined?	X		

## Part II. NPDES Draft Permit Checklist

### Region III NPDES Permit Quality Checklist – for POTWs (To be completed and included in the record only for POTWs)

#### II.A. Permit Cover Page/Administration

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Does the fact sheet or permit describe the physical location of the facility, including latitude and longitude (not necessarily on permit cover page)?	X		
2. Does the permit contain specific authorization-to-discharge information (from where to where, by whom)?	X		

#### II.B. Effluent Limits– General Elements

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Does the fact sheet describe the basis of final limits in the permit (e.g., that a comparison of technology and water quality-based limits was performed, and the most stringent limit selected)?	X		
2. Does the fact sheet discuss whether “antibacksliding” provisions were met for any limits that are less stringent than those in the previous NPDES permit?			X

#### II.C. Technology-Based Effluent Limits (POTWs)

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Does the permit contain numeric limits for <u>ALL</u> of the following: BOD (or alternative, e.g., CBOD, COD, TOC), TSS, and pH?	X		
2. Does the permit require at least 85% removal for BOD (or BOD alternative) and TSS (or 65% for equivalent to secondary) consistent with 40 CFR Part 133?	X		
a. If no, does the record indicate that application of WQBELs, or some other means, results in more stringent requirements than 85% removal or that an exception consistent with 40 CFR 133.103 has been approved?			X
3. Are technology-based permit limits expressed in the appropriate units of measure (e.g., concentration, mass, SU)?	X		
4. Are permit limits for BOD and TSS expressed in terms of both long term (e.g., average monthly) and short term (e.g., average weekly) limits?	X		
5. Are any concentration limitations in the permit less stringent than the secondary treatment requirements (30 mg/l BOD5 and TSS for a 30day average and 45 mg/l BOD5 and TSS for a 7-day average)?		X	
a. If yes, does the record provide a justification (e.g., waste stabilization pond, trickling filter, etc.) for the alternate limitations?			X

#### II.D. Water Quality-Based Effluent Limits

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Does the permit include appropriate limitations consistent with 40 CFR 122.44(d) covering State narrative and numeric criteria for water quality?	X		
2. Does the fact sheet indicate that any WQBELs were derived from a completed and EPA approved TMDL?		X	

<b>II.D. Water Quality-Based Effluent Limits – cont.</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>
3. Does the fact sheet provide effluent characteristics for each outfall?	X		
4. Does the fact sheet document that a “reasonable potential” evaluation was performed?	X		
a. If yes, does the fact sheet indicate that the “reasonable potential” evaluation was performed in accordance with the State’s approved procedures?	X		
b. Does the fact sheet describe the basis for allowing or disallowing in-stream dilution or a mixing zone?	X		
c. Does the fact sheet present WLA calculation procedures for all pollutants that were found to have “reasonable potential”?	X		
d. Does the fact sheet indicate that the “reasonable potential” and WLA calculations accounted for contributions from upstream sources (i.e., do calculations include ambient/background concentrations)?	X		
e. Does the permit contain numeric effluent limits for all pollutants for which “reasonable potential” was determined?	X		
5. Are all final WQBELs in the permit consistent with the justification and/or documentation provided in the fact sheet?	X		
6. For all final WQBELs, are BOTH long-term AND short-term effluent limits established?	X		
7. Are WQBELs expressed in the permit using appropriate units of measure (e.g., mass, concentration)?	X		
8. Does the record indicate that an “antidegradation” review was performed in accordance with the State’s approved antidegradation policy?	X		

<b>II.E. Monitoring and Reporting Requirements</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>
1. Does the permit require at least annual monitoring for all limited parameters and other monitoring as required by State and Federal regulations?	X		
a. If no, does the fact sheet indicate that the facility applied for and was granted a monitoring waiver, AND, does the permit specifically incorporate this waiver?			
2. Does the permit identify the physical location where monitoring is to be performed for each outfall?	X		
3. Does the permit require at least annual influent monitoring for BOD (or BOD alternative) and TSS to assess compliance with applicable percent removal requirements?		X	
4. Does the permit require testing for Whole Effluent Toxicity?		X	

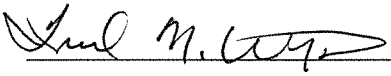
<b>II.F. Special Conditions</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>
1. Does the permit include appropriate biosolids use/disposal requirements?	X		
2. Does the permit include appropriate storm water program requirements?			X

II.F. Special Conditions – cont.	Yes	No	N/A
3. If the permit contains compliance schedule(s), are they consistent with statutory and regulatory deadlines and requirements?			X
4. Are other special conditions (e.g., ambient sampling, mixing studies, TIE/RE, BMPs, special studies) consistent with CWA and NPDES regulations?	X		
5. Does the permit allow/authorize discharge of sanitary sewage from points other than the POTW outfall(s) or CSO outfalls [i.e., Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) or treatment plant bypasses]?		X	
6. Does the permit authorize discharges from Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)?		X	
a. Does the permit require implementation of the “Nine Minimum Controls”?			X
b. Does the permit require development and implementation of a “Long Term Control Plan”?			X
c. Does the permit require monitoring and reporting for CSO events?			X
7. Does the permit include appropriate Pretreatment Program requirements?	X		

II.G. Standard Conditions	Yes	No	N/A
1. Does the <b>permit</b> contain all 40 CFR 122.41 standard conditions or the State equivalent (or more stringent) conditions?	X		
<b>List of Standard Conditions – 40 CFR 122.41</b>			
Duty to comply	Property rights	Reporting Requirements	
Duty to reapply	Duty to provide information	Planned change	
Need to halt or reduce activity	Inspections and entry	Anticipated noncompliance	
not a defense	Monitoring and records	Transfers	
Duty to mitigate	Signatory requirement	Monitoring reports	
Proper O & M	Bypass	Compliance schedules	
Permit actions	Upset	24-Hour reporting	
		Other non-compliance	
2. Does the permit contain the additional standard condition (or the State equivalent or more stringent conditions) for POTWs regarding notification of new introduction of pollutants and new industrial users [40 CFR 122.42(b)]?	X		

### Part III. Signature Page

Based on a review of the data and other information submitted by the permit applicant, and the draft permit and other administrative records generated by the Department/Division and/or made available to the Department/Division, the information provided on this checklist is accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge.

Name	<u>Fred M. Wyatt</u>
Title	<u>Environmental Specialist</u>
Signature	<u></u>
Date	<u>04/01/2012</u>